

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

1 through 16 cancelled.

17. (currently amended) A composition comprising:

at least one crystalline polycaprolactone (PCL); ~~and~~  
at least one further component having a melting point in a  
region between 50°C and 180°C, said at least one further  
component selected from the group consisting of castor wax,  
partially hydrated castor oil, and completely hydrated castor  
oil, wherein a weight ratio between said PCL and said further  
component is between approximately 20:80 and 80:20; and  
~~, and wherein the composition is blow-moldable~~ a hydroxy  
carboxylic acid salt having a melting range between 50°C and  
180°C.

18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) The composition of claim 17, wherein said PCL  
comprises highly crystalline polycaprolactone with a molecular weight  
of approximately 20,000 to 180,000, a melting range of  
approximately 50°C to 120°C, and a crystallization temperature of  
less than 40°C.

20. (previously presented) The composition of claim 19, wherein said  
melting range of said PCL is between 58°C and 62°C.

21. cancelled.

22. (previously presented) The composition of claim 17, wherein said weight ratio between said PCL and said further component is in a range of approximately 40:60 and 70:30.
23. (previously presented) The composition of claim 17, wherein said further component comprises a solidified castor oil (castor wax) having a melting point of between approximately 81°C and 92°C.
24. (previously presented) The composition of claim 17, further comprising a triglyceride selected from the group consisting of triglycerides of partially hydrated hydroxy carboxylic acids, triglycerides of completely hydrated hydroxy carboxylic acids, triglycerides of partially hydrated carboxylic acids, triglycerides of completely hydrated carboxylic acids, triglycerides of partially hydroxylated hydroxy carboxylic acids, triglycerides of completely hydroxylated hydroxy carboxylic acids, triglycerides of partially hydroxylated carboxylic acids, triglycerides of completely hydroxylated carboxylic acids, wherein said triglyceride has a melting range between 50°C and 180°C.
25. (previously presented) The composition of claim 24, wherein said triglyceride has a melting range between 70°C and 180°C.
26. (currently amended) The composition of ~~claim 18~~ claim 17, wherein said hydroxy carboxylic acid amide has a melting range between 50°C and 180°C.
27. (currently amended) The composition of ~~claim 18~~ claim 17, wherein said hydroxy carboxylic acid amide has a melting range between 70°C and 180°C.

28. (cancelled)
29. (currently amended) The composition of ~~claim 18~~ claim 17, wherein said hydroxy carboxylic acid salt has a melting range between 70°C and 180°C.
30. (currently amended) The composition of ~~claim 28~~ claim 17, wherein said hydroxy carboxylic acid salt is a metallic salt selected from the group of calcium soap, magnesium soap, and zinc soap.
31. (currently amended) The composition of ~~claim 18~~ claim 17, wherein a weight portion of said hydroxy carboxylic acid amide and/or said hydroxy carboxylic acid salt is approximately 1% to 99%.
32. (currently amended) The composition of ~~claim 18~~ claim 17, wherein a weight portion of said hydroxy carboxylic acid amide and/or said hydroxy carboxylic acid salt is approximately 10% to 70%.
33. (currently amended) The composition of ~~claim 18~~ claim 17, further comprising additives selected from the group consisting of fillers, sliding agents, plasticising agents, stabilizers, flame retardants, colorants, inorganic and organic pigments, foaming means and modifiers of tensile strength, rigidity, impact strength, resistance to tear propagation, processing viscosity, and other additives of polymeric chemistry.
34. (previously presented) The composition of claim 17, wherein the composition is processed using a conventional device, which is suited for at least one of tube foil production, blow forming, deep drawing, extrusion, co-extrusion, rod extrusion, tube extrusion, film extrusion,

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press forming, injection molding, doctoring, foaming, casting, spraying, painting, lamination and immersion methods.

35. (previously presented) An article of manufacture in a form of one of a foil, a bag, a sack, a tube, a rod, a bottle, a cup, and packaging material which is at least one of cold stretched, warm-stretched, and foamed, as powder, granulated matter or semi finished products, produced from the composition of claim 17.
36. (previously presented) An article of manufacture in the form of one of an agricultural foil, a plant pot, a compost bag, a carrier bag, a shampoo bottle, a plate, a board, cutlery, a tube foil for the production of bags and sacks, injection molding and blow forming articles, hot melts or fillers produced from the composition of claim 17.
37. (previously presented) An article of manufacture in a form of one of a foil, a bag, a sack, a tube, a rod, a bottle, a cup, and packaging material which is at least one of cold stretched, warm-stretched, and foamed, as powder, granulated matter or semi finished products, the article having a surface coating comprising the composition of claim 17.
38. (previously presented) A method for producing the composition of claim 17, wherein said PCL and said further component are molten components, mixed in a suitable device.
- 39 to 42 (cancelled).